CARMELA
Thank you for these wonderful pancakes, Mamí. They look so
delicious.

BIG BROTHER
They have chocolate chips in them.

MAMÍ
Ay, it’s supposed to be a surprise.

Sorry.

MAMÍ
Make a wish, mijita. [my daughter]

CARMELA
But my wish already came true.

BIG BROTHER
You haven’t even blown out the candles. How could it come
ture?

CARMELA
(To AUDIENCE)
This morning,
the very first thing I did
before opening my eyes,
I made a wish.
I wished to be old enough
to go to la lavandería [laundromat]
with my big brother.
Every time he goes,
he doesn’t want me to go with him.
He always says...

BIG BROTHER
You’re too little.

CARMELA
But not any more, big brother.
Mamí said
I could go
When I turn seven.
Today is that day!

CARMELA blows out the candles and
takes a bite of the pancakes.

CARMELA
These are so delicious, Mamí.

BIG BROTHER
Here you go.

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